

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5-13, 15, 17, 19-21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30-38, 40, 42, 44-46, 48, 49, 51-66, and 68-72 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 26, 51, 58, 70 and 71 being independent. Claims 58, 68 and 69 have been amended; claim 67 has been canceled; and claims 70-72 have been added. In particular, claim 58 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of its now canceled dependent claim 67; allowed dependent claims 59 and 61 have been redrafted in independent form as new claims 70 and 71, respectively; and new claim 72, which is identical to allowed dependent claim 62, has been added to depend from new claim 71. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 2, 5-13, 15, 17, 19-21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30-38, 40, 42, 44-46, 48, 49 and 51-57, and indication that dependent claims 59, 61, 62, 64 and 67-69 are directed to allowable subject matter. As stated above, dependent claims 59 and 61 have been rewritten in independent form as claims 70 and 71, respectively, and, accordingly, applicants request allowance of new claims 70 and 71. Allowed dependent claim 62 has been rewritten as new claim 72, which depends from new claim 71, and, therefore, applicants also request allowance of new claim 72.

Independent claim 58 and its dependent claims 60, 63, 65 and 66 have been rejected as being anticipated by Isaacs (U.S. Patent No. 6,760,754). As stated above, applicants have amended independent claim 58 to include the allowable subject matter of its dependent claim 67. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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